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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CVIS, SU
SUBJECT: AIRLINE REFUSAL TO TRANSPORT VALID VISA HOLDER

REF: STATE 66689 AND PREVIOUS

1. LAURENCE H. LANGLEY, GEN'L MGR TWA/L, STATES THAT IN VIEW OF MRS. MUSTAFA'S FAILURE TO OBTAIN TRANSIT VISA FOR ENGLAND AND NOTATION IN SUDANESE PASSPORT THAT IT IS ONLY VALID "WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY BEARER" SHE MUST BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT OCCURRED. IF SHE HAD BEEN ABLE TO REMAIN IN LONDON UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 3, THE MATTER PROBABLY COULD HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.

2. LANGLEY SAID WHILE HE SYMPATHETIC WITH MUSTAFA'S PROBLEM THERE IS NO WAY THAT TWA/L MAY LEGALLY ISSUE COURTESY TICKETS. HOWEVER, HE IS CONSULTING WITH TOM TAYLOR, TWA/W, TO DETERMINE IF SOMETHING MIGHT BE WORKED OUT, BUT HE HELD OUT SCANT HOPE. HE SUGGESTED THAT IF MRS. MUSTAFA IS SHORT OF FUNDS TWA/L MAY CONSIDER SELLING TICKETS ON CREDIT. MR. RAHMIN, REGIONAL MANAGER OF SUDAN AIRWAYS, WILL BE IN KHARTOUM WITHIN DAY OR TWO AND WILL SPEAK WITH MRS. MUSTAFA.

3. UPON RECEIPT KHARTOUM 524 EMBASSY OFFICER TELEPHONED TWA AND BOTH PASSENGER SERVICE MANAGER AND A TICKET CLERK ON DUTY MARCH 1 REPORTED THAT EMBASSY WAS NOT RPT NOT CONSULTED. CONSULAR DUTY OFFICER ALSO REPORTED THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED CALL FROM TWA. UPON RECEIPT STATE 66689
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CHECK WAS MADE WITH EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER WHO REPORTED

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THAT ON MARCH 1 HE HAD RECEIVED A CALL FROM UNIDENTIFIED TWA EMPLOYEE. HOWEVER, HE UNDERSTOOD THE INQUIRY TO BE ABOUT A UNITED STATES PASSPORT AND HE INFORMED THE CALLER THAT A PERSON INCLUDED IN THE PASSPORT OF ANOTHER MAY NOT USE THE PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THE BEARER.

4. THE EMBASSY DUTY OFFICER WAS NOT AWARE THAT A SUDANESE PASSPORT WAS IN QUESTION NOR WAS HE AWARE THAT TWA HAD BEEN CONSULTING WITH COUNSELOR OF SUDANESE EMBASSY ABOUT ITS VALIDITY.

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